

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS FOR ANALYZING INTERACTIONS  
BETWEEN PROTEINS AND SUGAR CHAINS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.